

# Margaret Lackey Offering Covers Wide Range

By Marjean Patterson  
Executive Director, WMU  
To "magnify" means to have the power of increasing the apparent size of an object. To magnify investments in Mississippi means to view state missions from the perspective of an interested stockholder or partner in an endeavor.  
The Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions allocations for 1979 cover a wide range of investments

which will be made greater in importance because of the love and concern of Mississippi Baptists.  
GARAYWA — this is a word filled with appreciation and gratitude on the part of so many people in this state. A large portion of this year's state missions offering is designated for Garaywa. An amount of \$45,000 is pinpointed to assist with the operation of the camp, while a larger amount of \$55,000 will go to help retire debt which

was incurred in an extensive remodeling venture during this year.  
CENTRAL HILLS BAPTIST RETREAT — this will come to be a place dear to the hearts of men and boys in this state as they go there for missions camping, leadership conferences and retreats. The allocation of \$55,000 will greatly assist in the construction of our new facility in central Mississippi.  
NEW MISSIONS — hundreds of new houses are being constructed in the

Magnolia State. The allocation of \$100,000 will be used to help purchase property for church buildings in some of the fast-growing areas of the state.  
PASTORAL AID — The \$9,000 invested in pastoral aid this year will yield great dividends in caring concern for some pastors from extremely small churches. These churches furnish places of worship for people who otherwise would not have a place.  
CHURCH BUILDING AID — fre-

quently churches without insurance burn in the state. Some other churches which are not adequately insured burn and the congregations do not have sufficient money to rebuild. The allocation of \$11,000 will be used to help churches rebuild their physical plants.  
DISASTER TASK FORCE — the investment of \$25,000 will provide help — and hope — for victims of natural disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, etc. While the underlying reason for

the existence of this task force is to provide a Christian witness, first and foremost, the material and physical needs of suffering people will be cared for.  
Mississippi Baptists have made wise investments in state missions in the past and a generous offering for the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering in 1979 will make even larger the ministry and witness of our churches and our state convention.



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Nettie Ree Traylor lifts a bag of laundry at Camp Garaywa where she has assisted with the housekeeping since 1970. She has been an employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for 50 years. She retired from her job in the WMU Department in 1964, but continued to work at Gulfshore and Garaywa.

## Miss Lackey Hired Her Fifty Years Ago

By Anne McWilliams  
Nettie Ree Traylor agreed to take a summer job with Mississippi WMU in 1928 and started to work on June 1. Her boss was Margaret Lackey, for whom the special State Mission Offering is named.  
Margaret Lackey retired in 1930 as corresponding secretary of Mississippi WMU — a job she had held since 1912. But Nettie Ree — or Miss Net as she is more familiarly known — is still, 50 years later, an employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.  
At the close of her 36th year of employment she retired as executive assistant, but then continued to work at Gulfshore and Garaywa. She often wears a pin which was a gift to her from Miss Lackey who had been given it by her father.

When Miss Net went to work in the Baptist Building on Capitol Street in 1928, she learned that there would be 16 Baptist employees working with her. Her aunt, Frances Traylor, was state young people's leader. A year and a half later, when Miss Lackey retired,

Frances Traylor became WMU executive secretary. Since then Miss Net has worked with two other WMU executives — directors — Edwina Robinson and Marjean Patterson.  
She has worked with five Convention Board executive secretaries — from R. B. Gunter to Earl Kelly, and with seven WMU state presidents — from Mrs. A. J. Aven to Mrs. Robert Smira.  
The Great Depression in the 30's caused budgets to be cut, and the total amount allocated to Mississippi WMU in 1933 for salaries was \$4200.  
Marjean Patterson in Covered Foundations wrote: "Nettie Ree Traylor... often through the years has related the fact that all over the WMU office in 1933 one could find little pieces of paper on which was written \$4200 divided by 12!"

**Gulfshore**  
After retirement in 1964 she moved back to her native Simpson County to live with her sister, Mrs. Irvin Jones, between Pinola and Newhebron, and

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## Cabinet Will Operate SBC Brotherhood

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has authorized the four-member cabinet of the late Glendon McCullough, executive director, to operate the agency until a new director is chosen.  
Chairman William Hardy Jr. of Columbus, Miss., who shared the plan with commission staff, identified the cabinet members as Norman Godfrey, director of the ministries section; Bob Banks, director of the program section; Lynette Oliver, director of the business section; and Roy Jennings, administrative assistant.  
Hardy said trustees of the agency will choose a committee to recommend an executive director when they meet in semi-annual session, November 8-10, at the commission's offices in Memphis, Tenn.  
Godfrey will convene the cabinet, (Continued on page 2)

## Highest Baptism Rate In Smaller, Newer Churches

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — Smaller, newer churches are the most effective evangelistic organizations in the Southern Baptist Convention, according to a report released by SBC Home Mission Board researchers Phil Jones and Clay Price.  
Their report shows that while small, new churches account for only about 10 percent of the total SBC baptisms, they have the highest ratio of baptisms per 100 resident members.  
"The data reveals that the younger the church and the smaller the church, the higher the baptism rate," the report said. "Churches less than 11 years old with fewer than 50 resident members had a baptism rate of 11.4 per 100 members; the baptism for all churches of the Southern Baptist Convention was 4.7 per 100."  
Simply stated, the report said, "the older the church, the lower the baptism rate."

The survey compared baptisms — by numbers and percentages of 32,970 churches as reported in the 1976 uniform church letters. Some of the 35,277 churches of the convention either did not submit the report or turned in incomplete statistical data, Jones said.  
"The bulk of the baptisms come from churches over 40 years simply because 60 percent of all SBC churches are in this category," the report said, revealing that those older, larger churches had a baptism rate of 3.7 per

100 resident members, making them the least effective organizations of the SBC.  
In presenting the report to directors of missions during Home Missions Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Nelson Tilton, associate director of the Home Mission Board department of church extension said: "Consider, if the baptism rate for all our churches was the same as the rate for churches less than 11 years old, the total number of recorded baptisms in (Continued on page 2)

## Van Winkle Pastor 34 Years

## Herman Milner Dies Of Heart Attack In Colorado

Herman A. Milner, 58, pastor of Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, for the past 34 years, died Friday, Sept. 1, while vacationing at the Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes, Colo., of a heart attack.  
Milner is survived by his wife, the former Rachel Cranford of Collins; a son, Herman A. Milner, Jr. of Carthage; two daughters, Mrs. Billy L. (Clara) Gore of Jackson and Mrs. John (Beth) Green of Vicksburg; a sister, Mrs. Billy (Inez) Weems of Yazoo City; a brother, Jimmy Milner of New York, N. Y.  
Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, at the church with burial in Lakewood Memorial Park.

Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, and David Cranford were in charge. Cranford, pastor of Southern Hills Church, Jackson, is Mrs. Milner's brother.  
Milner, a native of Scott County, was a graduate of Mississippi College and had studied at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1975 he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Mississippi College.  
During his college years he pastored churches in Newton, Yazoo, Simpson and Rankin Counties and for two years he served as a school principal in Rankin County.  
Since 1945 he has been pastor of Van Winkle Church in Jackson. He served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Board, the board of Ministerial Education and was a trustee of Mississippi Baptist Seminary.  
In the field of community service, he served on the board of Friends of Alcoholics, was an organizer and served on the board of directors of Church Building and Savings Association, and was on the committee which pioneered the building of Hinds General Hospital.  
The family requested that donations be made to the Herman A. Milner Family Life Center of Van Winkle Baptist Church.

## Verdict Favors Board In Gulfshore Suit

A verdict in favor of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board was delivered in Circuit Court No. 2 in Harrison County last week in the Board's suit against the contractor who handled the reconstruction of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.  
The amount of the damages assessed by the jury was set at \$158,000. The contractor was Roy Anderson, Jr. Inc. of Gulfport.  
The jury delivered its verdict shortly after noon on Friday to close the case that got underway on Tuesday morning.  
The suit resulted from a fire that erupted Sept. 20, 1976 in the remains of a gymnasium building on the Gulfshore site as the contractor was getting it ready for renovation. The fire was discovered about 6 p.m. after the crew removing the remains of the roof on the building had quit work about 3 p.m. The crew had been using a cutting torch to remove bolts from the roof in order to be able to remove the shingles and the decking.

The plan had been for the walls, the concrete slab floor, and the steel girders to be reused in the renovation. The fire had twisted the girders, destroyed parts of the clay tile walls, and severely damaged the slab floor. The gymnasium structure left after Hurricane Camille in 1969 had been judged to be the only structure left on the Gulfshore campus that was sound enough to be used. The main building had been left standing following the hurricane but condemned and torn down. The total contract for the new buildings and renovating the gymnasium into an auditorium and classroom building was \$3,321,000. Due to the loss of the gymnasium building by the fire the total cost included an additional \$262,000.  
Following the fire the Gulfshore Restoration Committee made some changes in the concept of the building but left as close as possible to the former configuration as could be done with the changes embraced. The at-

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## 21 Missionaries Will Speak At Rally

Twenty-one home and foreign missionaries will be on hand for conferences during the statewide World Mission Rally set for Sept. 9 at Clinton's Camp Garaywa. The rally is being sponsored by the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.



Frances Raley Taiwan

Harry Raley Taiwan

Gloria Thurman Bangladesh

Carol Simon Taiwan

Jerry Simon Taiwan

Brenda Myers Mississippi

David Myers Mississippi

Bob Magee Colombia

Dolores Magee Colombia

Sherry Holt Togo

Rex Holt Togo

Russell Herrington Costa Rica

Annette Herrington Costa Rica

James A. Foster Philippines

Zelma Foster Philippines

Guy Henderson Philippines

Lois Henderson Philippines

Dolton Haggan Mississippi

Martha Haggan Mississippi

Paul Vandercook Mississippi

Fran Vandercook Mississippi

## International Publications Center Proposed For Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — A new international publications center has been proposed as part of a plan to give a Bold Mission Thrust impetus to literature evangelism in eastern and southern Africa.  
The proposal was made by approximately 60 Africans and missionaries from 10 countries in Africa who met at Limuru, Kenya, for a two-week international literature conference. It was the first time African Baptists had participated in such a meeting, although similar conferences had been held in 1970 and 1974.  
Representatives of five Baptist pub-

lishing houses in eastern and southern Africa were elected as a committee to set up the new publications center by Dec. 31, 1979.  
They are B. M. Likatho of Malawi, G. W. Morcum of South Africa and three Southern Baptist missionaries — Gary L. Baldridge of Zambia, Horace F. Burns of Rhodesia, and R. J. Stewart of Kenya, who was named interim coordinator.  
The committee will work out details to establish the international center and also will plan and conduct a special international literature saturation campaign in keeping with the goals of

Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist program which seeks ultimately to share the gospel with all people by the year 2000.  
Most of the literature saturation will be done before the center is established. It will include starting a quarterly outreach magazine with a youth-family life focus; securing and distributing two million copies of two-colored evangelistic tracts; publishing of prize-winning short stories written by Africans; and extension of the Bible Way correspondence school curriculum. African and missionary co-editors were recommended for all levels of materials.

## Verdict Favors Board In Suit

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torneys for the Convention Board were asking for \$217,000. The claim was that a building built as nearly as possible the same as what would have been constructed would have cost \$205,000 by the contractor's estimate, and an additional architect's fees when new plans had to be drawn because of changes in construction techniques were \$12,000. Included in the total cost of the new construction was a figure of \$48,000 for raising the site to 13.1 feet above sea level to conform to current building codes in the area.

The attorneys claimed that the con-

tract with the general contractor had specified that he would provide such a building under the original contract price of \$3,321,000. He also claimed that the crew working for the contractor had been negligent in preparing to remove the roof from the gymnasium, and the negligence had resulted in the fire.

The defense claimed that no negligence had been proved. There was a further claim that even if negligence were determined, the shell of the building was worth only \$58,746.

Testifying for the Convention Board

were Earl Kelly, executive secretary treasurer; Chat Allred, Pascagoula architect; Everett Ladner, Gulfport real estate appraiser; Kirk Rosenhand, Starkville, an engineer and faculty member at Mississippi State University; Leroy F. Tharp, administrator of the Harrison County Building Code; Grady Blackwell, Wiggins, who had been employed at Gulfshore by the Convention Board; J. S. Hershey of the Anderson Construction Company; Glenn Perry of Philadelphia, a member of the Convention Board, a member of the Gulfshore Restoration Committee, and a building contractor; and Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, and a member of the Restoration Committee.

Roy Anderson was called by the plaintiff as an adverse witness. Defense witnesses were Anderson; Oscar Ford of the Anderson Firm; Vic Tilley of the Anderson Firm; and Sidney Cullifer, a Gulfport appraiser.

The jury was made up of nine men and three women. The judge was J. Ruble Griffin.

Lawyers represented the convention board were Charles Davis of Jackson and Leonard Blackwell of Gulfport. The lawyer for the defense was Bill Rainey of Gulfport.

During the trial, testimony pointed out a continuing good relationship between the contractor and the board. The trial was for the purpose of fixing responsibility for the fire and determining the damages, observers pointed out.

The losing side in such cases has 45 days in which to appeal the verdict.

## Filmstrips Are Mailed To All The Churches

A 30-minute filmstrip with accompanying cassette tape and script has been mailed free to all Mississippi Baptist churches.

The filmstrip deals exclusively with the 1979 state mission offering and what the money will be used for.

It explains about Camp Garaywa and its ministry to Baptists in the state.

The filmstrip deals with the upcoming disaster relief ministry and pastoral aid ministries provided by the state mission offering, which is named for a former Woman's Missionary Union executive, Margaret Lackey.

A church extension ministry offering mobile chapels to new work areas

### State Mission Season Of Prayer September 10-17, 1978

and planned development of Central Hills Baptist Retreat are also dealt with in the filmstrip.

The state mission offering, this next year with a goal of \$300,000, provides a number of ministries that otherwise would go undone. The filmstrip is to help Baptists understand what they would be missing if they do not participate in this endeavor.

### State Missions

### 1978 Allocations For Margaret Lackey Offering

New Missions	\$100,000
Disaster Task Force	25,000
Pastoral Aid	9,000
Church Building Aid	11,000
Garaywa (operation)	45,000
Central Hills Baptist Retreat	55,000
Garaywa Improvements	55,000
	<b>\$300,000</b>

## Commission Names Citizenship Director

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bill Elder, assistant professor of religion at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., has been named director of Christian citizenship development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Elder, 35, will be responsible for communicating citizenship concerns through special seminars, literature programs and speaking opportunities. He also will work to develop Southern

Baptist liaison with political forces at local, state, national and international levels and to coordinate citizenship programs to assist Southern Baptists in political matters related to such issues as hunger, justice, alcohol, poverty, gambling, crime and pornography.

A native of New Orleans, Elder graduated with a B.A. degree from Baylor University. After receiving an M.Div. degree from Southern Seminary, he returned to Baylor where he earned a Ph.D. degree in biblical studies.

Elder is married to the former Linda Sue Newman of Tulsa, Okla.

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moved her church membership from Calvary, Jackson, back to Stonewall (Simpson), where she had been baptized.

Right away — Dec. 26, 1964 — she started to work as hostess and housekeeper for Gulfshore Assembly. During the summer she lived on the Coast, and for a year or two was the only staffer to live on the Gulfshore grounds seven days a week all summer. In off seasons, she made about 10 trips a year to Gulfshore.

Camille blew away Gulfshore in 1969 — and Miss Net's job. But the following March she was at work at Camp Garaywa when Queen's Court opened.

Garaywa  
Before retirement she had worked for 17 summers at Garaywa as bookkeeper, purchasing agent, and registration clerk. Since 1964 she has worked 14 summers, nine of them at Garaywa. At the camp she assists with the housekeeping, changing sheets, cleaning cabins and bath houses, sweeping, etc.

"I don't oversee. I work!" she stressed.

In off season, in fact, there's no one to oversee. She and two others get everything ready for the campers.

One of the other two is Mrs. C. A. (Willie) Schotte, who retired in 1971 as WMU bookkeeper for the WMU Department and as secretary to Edwina Robinson.

Mrs. Schotte, now the Garaywa dietitian, has worked at the camp since retirement; in January, 1979, she will have completed 25 years with the Con-



Nettie Ree Traylor and Mrs. Willie Schotte (Miss Net and Miss Will) represent 75 years' work with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board — Miss Traylor 50 years and Mrs. Schotte 25 years. Mrs. Schotte is dietitian at Camp Garaywa and Miss Traylor assists with the housekeeping. The pin Miss Net is wearing was a gift from Margaret Lackey.

vention Board. She is a member of Parkway Church, Jackson.

Just before Miss Net's retirement in 1964 she was honor guest at a luncheon at Camp Garaywa, and was given a new car. The program was titled "Trails for Traylor," and carried an acrostic on the word, Thirty-Six, which listed her character traits: Thoughtful for others' feelings, Honest in all her dealings, Ingenious and lots of fun, Rushing madly to get a job done, Tight with Garaywa's money, Young in spirit, a real 'honey,' Sound in judgment every day. Interested in missions all the way, X-cellent is the word for Miss Net.

## SBC Housing Bureau Tries New Procedure

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A new housing procedure with "tremendous advantages" for messengers will be inaugurated for the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston.

To accommodate early birds, the convention housing bureau is open as of Sept. 1 for the June 12-14, 1979 meeting.

Houston's convention bureau requires a computer form from the registrant. None of the 34 designated convention hotels will take reservations over the telephone.

The short computer form asks simply to know what type room is desired and the first three choices of hotels. Forms are available from Baptist state convention offices or from the Convention Housing Bureau 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn. 37219.

Forms include a complete information sheet, names and rates of the convention hotels, a map and instructions.

They are required by the Houston convention bureau. Tim Hedquist, SBC convention manager, says most major convention cities have adopted or will soon adopt the procedure.

St. Louis, site of the 1980 convention, pioneered the concept. The returned form is processed through a computer which confirms the type room and hotel desired on the dates requested as requests are received.

Hedquist said that means requests submitted in September will get confirmations within four weeks. He said many of the record 22,872 messengers to the Atlanta convention this year did not receive confirmations until spring.

Use of the computer, Hedquist says, will assure rapid and accurate confirmation of rooms.

Group requests involving 10 rooms or more must be secured through the Convention Housing Bureau in Nashville. State conventions will not have the appropriate forms.

## Highest Baptism Rate 30 Is In Smaller Churches

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1976 would have been 889,000 or double the number of baptisms actually reported.

The 345,000 baptisms reported by SBC churches in 1976 were the lowest in 27 years. "By the year 2000, at our present rate of growth, the SBC will hardly be larger than 22 million members," Tilton said. "However, if the SBC accepted a challenge of increasing the baptism rate — winning 10 converts per 100 resident members, or a 10 to 1 ratio — the SBC could have over 100 million members by the year 2000."

Tilton added that there would need to be 210,000 Southern Baptist churches — 175,000 more than the current number — for that many members.

"We haven't even begun to imagine in those kinds of terms, much less to think in those kinds of terms," he said. "Yet, if we are going to win our nation to Christ, we must become more effective evangelistically."

The report also reflected a 30 year decline in beginning new works. "Between 1947 and 1956, some 4,646 SBC churches were organized. The number dropped to 3,796 between 1957 and 1966, and between 1967 and 1976 only 2,356 churches were organized," the report said.

"Older and larger churches need to examine their current emphasis on evangelism," wrote Jones. "Certainly, evangelism is a broader outreach effort than is reflected in sheer number of baptisms. However, numbers of baptisms and baptism rates

are measurable results of evangelism efforts."

Jones suggested two approaches to utilize the results of the survey. The first priority, he said, "is for Southern Baptists to increase the evangelistic effectiveness of the older churches." Second, "older churches might increase their evangelistic effectiveness through mission outreach (starting new units of work)."

"Both of these major implications are clearly in line with the Southern Baptist Convention theme of Bold Mission Thrust: 'to let every person in our land have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ and to let every person in our land have an opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers.'"

"I believe that for Southern Baptists — with all our people, resources and ability — to be content with 22 million members when 100 million is possible, is very nearly criminal, if we consider it in the light of the great commission," Tilton added.

"If we intend to evangelize the world by the year 2000, we can't accept the ratio of less than 10 to 1. And, if we accept the challenge of evangelizing and congregationalizing our land, we must be prepared to start at least 10,000 new churches a year."

"Last year, we started only 750."

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Hardy said, and Jennings will supervise the communications section during the interim. He emphasized that the cabinet would serve as the interim director and make decisions based on consensus. He said that he would work with the cabinet when they needed his services.

As cabinet convenor, Godfrey will receive all inquiries relating to the general work of the agency and route them, if necessary, Hardy explained.

"During the interim, we have no intention of changing the method of op-

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Davao City, Philippines — Through visitation and mass media advertising, people in Davao City, Philippines, are seeing that Baptists are "The People Who Care." During the first 90 days of this pilot project in urban evangelism, Zion Baptist Church has seen more than 200 professions of faith and 24 baptisms. In 1977 the church recorded 60 professions of faith and 12 baptisms. Five Bible study groups have grown to 12 with more than 160 people attending regularly. And worship attendance has increased about 25 per cent, according to Southern Baptist missionary H. Randall Bradley. Called "The People Who Care," the project is based on two major efforts — visitation and advertising.

London (RNS) — Church of England clergy in London who are presented with "psychic problems" by their parishioners now have a team of men to turn to for help. Bishop Gerald Ellison of London has appointed an advisor on exorcism, Alan Harrison, chaplain of St. Michael's Convent at Ham in Southwest London and chairman of the national Exorcism Study Group. "If clergy come up against psychic problems we are experienced to deal with them," said Mr. Harrison. "What we will try to prevent is the wholesale casting out of demons where there are no demons."

### Carter Says He'll Veto Tuition Tax Credit Bill

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Carter declared that he will "have no hesitancy" to veto a tuition tax credit bill if such a measure reaches his desk for signature.

At a nationally televised news conference, the president reiterated his opposition to tuition tax credits as a means of providing relief for college tuition costs or for tuition paid by parents of nonpublic school pupils.

"I do not favor the tuition tax credit approach," the president said. He went on to declare that he opposes such aid at the elementary and secondary levels "even more strongly" for constitutional reasons of separation of church and state.

## Pastor's Wife Dies Of Gunshot Wound

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (BP) — The wife of a prominent Tennessee Baptist pastor died from a bullet in the back of the head Aug. 23 when a gun he reached for beneath his pillow accidentally discharged.

Twenty years ago, while he was a student at Belmont College in Nashville, the first wife of Bill Kennedy, pastor of Central Baptist Church in suburban Hixson, also died when a gun he was carrying accidentally fired.

Police said Kennedy told them his second wife, Carolyn, 40, had given him a gun to put beneath his pillow after receiving a threatening phone call and hearing noises he dismissed as a passing automobile.

When the couple was startled awake by breaking glass, he reached for the gun he thought was unloaded. But a bullet remained in the chamber and the gun went off, killing Mrs. Kennedy. Nashville police records show that on Jan. 19, 1958, Kennedy and his first wife, Joan, who was six months pregnant, were entering their apartment loaded with packages when a .22-caliber rifle slipped from his grip. When he grabbed for it, it fired.

He said a friend had returned the rifle to him earlier that day.

That incident was ruled an accident by Nashville police. A spokesman for police in Chattanooga said officers are working under the premise the death there was also accidental.

Police said a basement window, directly below the couples' bedroom was discovered broken from the outside. Investigation for attempted burglary is underway. Any person convicted of attempted burglary in connection with the broken glass will be charged with murder, the spokesman said, since the

Tulsa, Okla. (RNS) — The historic 9th century St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Edinburgh, Scotland, is planning a \$4 million restoration program to update and preserve its old structure, Gillesbaug I. MacMillan, minister of St. Giles, reported at a meeting here. St. Giles is the "High Kirk" of Scotland in Edinburgh and is the place for worship of government officials and other dignitaries including the Royal Family when they visit the city, said MacMillan, a guest preacher recently at First Presbyterian Church here. But St. Giles is also "a sort of Mecca for Presbyterians from all over the world," Mr. MacMillan said. "On any given morning, we may have as many as six coachloads of sightseers being led around the church."

Washington (BP) — By a one-vote margin, the U. S. Senate approved a constitutional amendment that would give voting representation in the Congress to the District of Columbia. The final vote was 67-32, one more than the two-thirds majority required for any amendment to the Constitution. The vote came after two days of often heated debate and numerous attempts to weaken the proposal with amendments. Currently, the 690,000 residents of the District of Columbia can vote only for the president and vice president of the United States and for officials in the local government.

Columbia, S. C. (RNS) — The Church of the Nazarene, which will celebrate its 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary in 1983, is becoming a worldwide Church through an active missionary program. "Our roots are in the U.S. but we don't call ourselves an American Church anymore," said Gerald Johnson, executive director of the Nazarene Department of World Missions. He said 25 per cent of the 625,150 members of the Church now live outside the U.S. and Canada, and the "planting" of local churches and national church districts is continuing at a high rate. Johnson was among Nazarene leaders from denominational headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., who spoke here at the 36th annual South Carolina District of the Nazarene Church.

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Mrs. Billy Peacock, missionary to Korea, autographs programs for GAs during Mother-Daughter weekend.

## Mother-Daughter Weekend Will Be Sept. 15 And 16

"World Whirl," mother-daughter weekend for Girls in Action, Grades 1-3, and their mothers will be Sept. 15 and 16 at Camp Garaywa.

Program personalities will include Lelia Jackson, Mrs. Hollis Bryant, and Mrs. Guy Henderson.

Waudine Storey, state Mission Friends-Girls in Action consultant, said that each girl is invited to bring her mother to camp with her. "If a girl's mother cannot come, then the girl can come with some other woman, such as her GA leader. However, no

more than one girl may come with one lady, unless a mother has two 1-3 grade daughters," she added.

Camp begins with registration at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, and closes at noon on Sat., Sept. 16. It will cost \$10 per person, which includes three meals, overnight, insurance and program expense.

Campers will need to bring sheets, pillow, blanket, towels, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, sport clothes, sweater or jacket, Bible, Discovery, and perhaps a camera.

## Hinds-Madison Will Sponsor Sunday School Workshops

Hinds-Madison Associational Sunday School Workshop will be at First, Jackson, Monday and Tuesday Sept. 11 and 12.

The purpose of the workshop is to meet the basic needs of the Sunday School teacher.

A survey of teachers in churches of Hinds-Madison Association showed that over 90% of those surveyed needed the following helps: "How do I understand the age person whom I teach?" "What helps do I need to be a more effective teacher?" "How can I teach the age-group that I am working with?" "How can I enthrust the people I teach?" "How do I keep the lines of communication open with the people I teach?"

Fred Tarpley, Hinds-Madison director of missions said, "How to" is the need of the Sunday School leadership of our association and coming to share that "How to" knowledge with our directors, teachers, and workers is a faculty of outstanding teachers and leaders in their fields of religious education."

The two-day workshop will include 12 different conferences, each designed to meet the workers' specific needs. The night conference is a repeat of the morning conference, so you can get the full workshop by attending

either both morning sessions, both night sessions, or a morning or night session on Monday, September 11 or Tuesday, September 12.

The morning sessions will be from 9:30 to 11:30 without a break time and the night sessions will be from 7:00 to 9:30 with a short break time.

Religious educators leading the conferences will be:

Younger Preschool (Birth-3 years), Merle Harrell, Preschool Director, Wilshire Church, Dallas, Tex.; Older Preschool (4 & 5 years), Betty Barber, teacher, First Church, Clinton;

Younger Children (1st & 2nd Grades), Avonell Ballou, Children's worker, Alta Woods Church, Jackson Middle Children (3rd & 4th Grades), Mary Ann Herndon, Children's teacher, First Church, Shreveport; Older Children (5th & 6th Grades),

Evelyn Vaughn, Writer, Conference leader, First Church, Jackson;

Younger Youth (Grades 7-8-9), Davy Henderson, minister music/youth, Southland Church, Memphis;

Older Youth (Grades 10-11-12), B. J. Dean, Writer, conference leader, author, Cottage Hills Church, Mobile; Single Adults, Bill McIlwain, minister of education, Calvary Church, Jackson;

Young Adults, Tommy Ingle, Jr., director of missions, Colbert - Lauderdale Association, Sheffield, Ala.;

Median Adults, Don Denny, minister of education, Park Cities Church, Dallas, Tex.;

Senior Adults, Bill Ballou, minister of education, Alta Woods Church, Jackson;

General Officers, James Webster, minister of education, Parkway, Jackson.

"We are asking that each worker bring teaching literature to the conferences with them," said Tarpley.

All local churches are to provide for their own child care.

## Arms Control Statement Sent To Washington

WASHINGTON (RNS) — A growing Baptist desire to shift national priorities from nuclear weapons to "basic human needs" has been communicated to government leaders.

President Carter, all members of Congress, Secretary of State Vance and the U. S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency all received a copy of the resolution on multilateral arms control passed by the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

It was accompanied by a letter from James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, assuring support for any efforts "to achieve strategic arms limitation, to eliminate nuclear weapons, and to insure world peace."

The resolution calls on Baptists to urge their representatives in Washington to slow the nuclear arms race and asks all nations "to shift funds from nuclear weapons systems to basic human needs, such as education, medicine, and relief from hunger."

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## Two Conferences Are Coming For Bi-Vocational Rural Pastors

Two conferences for bi-vocational rural pastors will be held during September, under sponsorship of the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The first will be at Harrisburg

Church, Tupelo, beginning at 6 p.m. with dinner meal on Friday, Sept. 15, and ending at noon on Saturday, Sept. 16, with lunch.

The second will be at Highland Church, Laurel, beginning at 6 p.m.

with dinner meal on Friday, Sept. 22, and ending at noon on Saturday, Sept. 23, with lunch.

The conferences will present an overview of the work of bi-vocational pastors in the state and across the SBC, according to Hollis Bryant, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department. This presentation will be given by J. T. Burdine, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Dale Holloway, Rankin County pastor employed in a state government office, will speak at both Tupelo and Laurel on "The Frustrations and Joys of Being a Bi-Vocational Pastor."

James Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, and Raymond Lloyd, pastor of First Church, Starkville, will be featured speakers for Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions. Travis will speak at Harrisburg, and Lloyd at Highland.

Cecil Harper of Jackson will direct the music for the conferences.

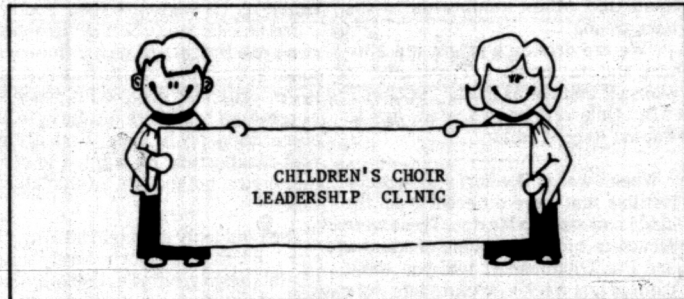
Representatives from the Cooperative Missions Department will share information concerning their work: Richard Alford, language missions; Ray Grissett, church extension; Hollis Bryant, in-service guidance. Foy Rogers, director of the department and chairman of the state Volunteers in Missions Committee, will tell about the need for more volunteers and support for Bold Mission Thrust.

Saturday mornings at both Tupelo and Laurel will offer small conferences on the bi-vocational pastor and his devotional life, finances, relationships with the denomination, and continuation in training. Rural bi-vocational pastors will lead these.

Friday evening and Saturday noon meals will be furnished by the churches, with no cost to the guests. Persons who wish to eat either dinner or lunch, or both, at Harrisburg or Highland, should notify Hollis Bryant so he can pass the word on to the churches about the number expected.

Bryant's address is Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Peace is a thing you can't have by throwing rocks at a hornet's nest.



## Children's Choir Leadership Clinic To Be At Starkville

The Clinics on Wheels that were originally scheduled for September 18, 19 and 21 by the Church Music Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, have been changed.

Instead of the three clinics, there will be one large clinic on Sept. 22-23 at First Church, Starkville.

Terry Kirkland will teach the Young Musician leaders; Martha Kirkland

will lead the Music Maker leaders; and Talmadge Butler will lead the Pre-School leaders. The clinic will begin on Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. and end on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

Registration is \$15.00 per church group. Contact B. T. Fancher, First Baptist Church, Louisville (773-6247) or Kathy Anderson, First Baptist Church, Starkville (323-5633).



Bee Davis, right, led the conference for experienced Baptist Women presidents, at WMU Camp Aug. 21-24 at Garaywa. This and other conferences during the week were designed to train WMU leaders and officers.

## WMU Camp Trains Leaders



Baptist Women (shown entering the dining hall at Camp Garaywa) and other campers this summer were the first to enjoy the new air-conditioning in the auditorium and the remodeled bath houses. The Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering will help to pay for these improvements at Garaywa.



A sale of Centennial mementoes signaled the approaching end of celebrations of the 100th year of Mississippi WMU.

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## Editorials

### Week Of Prayer . . .

## It's Missions In Mississippi, Too

Missions is wherever we are. Missions work is going on in Kenya and in Hong Kong and in France. It's going on in New York and in San Francisco and in St. Louis. It's going on in Mississippi.

Maybe it's not as exciting in Mississippi as in Hong Kong. Maybe it's not carried on the same way in Mississippi as in San Francisco. It's missions just the same.

The results are the same. People are won to Christ.

Missions in Mississippi needs prayer support the same as it does overseas and all across the nation. The annual Week of Prayer for State Missions begins Sunday. We must not support our state missions work with a secondary effort. We must not support our state missions work with less prayer interest than foreign and home missions. Mississippi is a Baptist state, but there are many lost here, and they are no less needy than elsewhere. The ef-

forts we put forth in Mississippi during this time of Bold Mission Thrust and all the time are just as important as our worldwide efforts. The prayers of our Baptist people are every bit as important now as any other time.

Yet, for some reason, historically we don't get as interested in state mission needs as we do those overseas.

The work can't go on without prayer. The annual Margaret Lackey Offering is a part of our state missions effort. The money gathered from this offering is spent in Mississippi for Mississippi needs.

The goal this year is \$300,000. One-third of it, \$100,000 will go to help establish new missions in the state. New people are moving into Mississippi from outside the state, and as they do the ratio of Baptists to the total population is gradually declining. Many of the new citizens are lost. New churches are needed in the areas of population growth. The Gulf Coast and

the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway are areas where the population can be expected to show large increases as well as the Jackson area. New churches started in past years with State Missions help are performing vital ministries.

For many years Camp Garaywa has been a missions post as young people have gone through its gates to changed lives. It will continue to be a major influence for the Lord. The Margaret Lackey Offering is expected to provide \$55,000 for improvements at Garaywa and to provide \$45,000 for operating expenses.

Central Hills Baptist Retreat will become the same sort of influence, and \$55,000 of the offering will go aid in the development of that facility.

Natural disasters continue to occur in Mississippi, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is preparing a disaster task force to minister to their victims. The offering will make

\$25,000 available for that effort.

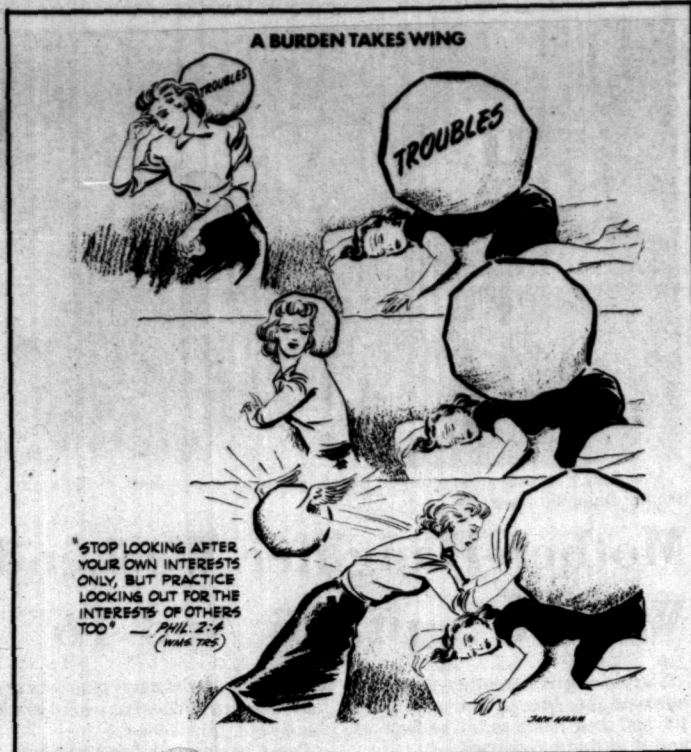
Then there will be direct aid in other areas to enhance the witness to the lost in our state. Pastoral aid will allow some pastors to give full-time on church fields when it might not be possible otherwise. This figure is \$9,000.

Church building aid will have an \$11,000 allocation. This will aid established churches that have experienced building losses.

All of these items are significant. All represent missions at work in Mississippi. All demand the very best we have.

We can do no less than pray for them and support them with our money.

The State Missions Week of Prayer is a project of the Woman's Missionary Union, and this organization performs a wonderful ministry through this medium. The Week of Prayer and the offering must have church wide support, however, in order to be as meaningful as possible.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Hawaii, Honduras, Idaho

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Odle are still in Hawaii where he is interim pastor of the Baptist church at Pearl Harbor. Recently he wrote a letter to Baptist Building employees. It sounds as if the two are having a good time:

"The church is about 95% military. . . The Lord is blessing us with additions and conversions — eight additions and one profession of faith last Sunday.

"We are living in a high rise apartment (condominium) on the 14th floor. Our windows face the ocean and downtown Honolulu, with Diamondhead and other mountains in the background.

"We are driving a bright red Mustang and staying busy. The weather is pleasant and not as hot as Jackson."

Dr. Odle retired two years ago as Baptist Record editor.

When I was in Honduras, I ate some tortillas that were different from the kind I had eaten in Mexico. These were served to me in the home of Landon and Pat Wilkerson (I told you about them in last week's column) and were cooked by a beautiful Miskito Indian girl. Here is the recipe: 2 cups plain flour; 1 tsp. baking powder; 2 tablespoons shortening (Crisco); ½ to ¾ cup water; 1 tsp. salt. Make dough as you would biscuit dough. Fry in fat, and flip as you would a pancake or an egg.

When I heard that President Carter would be vacationing on the Salmon River, I began to listen carefully to all the newscasts concerning it. The trip

intrigued me because one of my favorite books contains some superlative descriptions of that river. Don Ian Smith in *By the River of No Return* (Abingdon Press, 1967) tells about this swift river in the deepest canyon system in the United States. He says that once you get on the river, there is no turning back. You must trust your guide. To the author, the river is a symbol of life.

Smith, a Methodist preacher and high school English teacher, wrote about life on his ranch near the Salmon River. I have read his book again and again; its 111 pages are sheer poetry.

The chapter I like best is "Raspberries by an Irrigation Ditch." One early summer morning Smith was rushing to get some task done on his ranch so he could eat breakfast and hurry to his office. Suddenly he saw a bush of ripe wild raspberries. He wanted to taste the berries, but thought he didn't have time.

Then suddenly a thought hit him, "If you can't stop to enjoy a lovely thing like this when you find it, then why own a ranch anyway? Why go to the office? What is the point in living?" So he sat down and ate the raspberries, as he revealed in the freshness of the morning and rejoiced in the work of the Creator.

He concluded that life is not what is going to happen "some day," but is a collection of the little moments of the present.

If we are too rushed to stop a moment to appreciate a truly lovely thing, then we are too rushed.

### A Little Music, Please. . .

## Convention Adopts SBC Logo

The writer is not particularly given to tooting his own horn. I am aware of the admonition which points out that otherwise it might not get tooted. The fact is that many times I had rather listen to the music than to join in, if the

music is loud enough already.

Some years back I developed a profound statement that was cast out before the world. It was that journalists don't participate in life, they just observe it, or listen, as the case may be. The statement didn't go on to cause any great acclaim, but I felt it had some measure of interest.

Eventually, relative to the horn tooting, I came to realize that perhaps my main interest had been in playing the lead part or otherwise not playing at all; and there are times when my horn is needed for the harmony.

All of this was meant to set the stage for something else.

The Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a logo, or symbol, that is to be available to all who desire to use it to indicate their relationship to the convention.

The facetiousness of the early statements was to set the stage for explaining my part in the determining of the final design.

For the past year or so I have been a member of the Southern Baptist Pub-

lic Relations Advisory Committee. This committee was charged with presenting a design for a logo for Executive Committee and convention consideration. After many proposals and several meetings we had decided that we would seek a logo that in some measure conformed to the sculpture on the front of the Executive Committee building in Nashville.

Finally such a design was submitted to the Advisory Committee, and it was somewhat like the one shown on this page. It had, however, only two sheets, one on each side of the cross, to indicate the Bible. The logo is to call attention to the cross, the world, and the Bible.

It was passed around among the committee members, and very little was said. Finally, I remarked that I was not happy with two sheets signifying the Bible. Even though it was an abstract design, I felt that two sheets seemed to represent only a portion of the Bible rather than the entire Scripture. I suggested that the drawing be altered to make the Bible look like a

book rather than two sheets. Immediately most of the other members of the committee agreed, and it was adopted in that fashion.

Now that is not such a big deal. I must say, however, that I am much happier with the logo with its base of the entire Book rather than an abstraction. And I feel that it is a logo that can be used through the years to bring immediate recognition of a Southern Baptist relationship.

If it does serve a useful purpose for some time to come, I will be happy for having had a part in its development. —DTM

### Correction, Please

With apologies to the staff pictured singing at the Senior Adult Retreat and to those attending, it was "I'll Fly Away" rather than "Farther Along" that was being sung. The writer recognized the error when most such mistakes are caught — after the paper comes off the press.

### Guest Opinion

## Beside The Drying Brook

By Chandice M. Johnson, Jr.  
Pastor, Byhalia Baptist Church  
I Kings 17:1-7

"And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land."

God sent Elijah eastward, across Jordan, to the brook Cherith. He told Elijah, "You will drink from the brook and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

Elijah went to Cherith. Every morning the ravens came, bringing bread and flesh and every evening they returned. Down through the narrow valley the brook Cherith ran and Elijah drank from the small stream after he had eaten what the ravens brought him.

When Elijah got up in the morning, the ground was dry. There was no dew. By noon the sky was like well-worn, polished gold. The wind blew steadily. It came from the direction of the desert and the tenative clouds lurking on the western horizon were dissipated by the hot wind. Leaves turned brown, withered, and became stiff and hard. They rattled in the searing wind. Above the sound of the rattling leaves Elijah heard the quiet murmur of the

rippling brook and with a sense of peace he walked to the stream when the ravens were gone and drank deeply.

And then one day Elijah noticed that the sound of the wimpering wind and rattling leaves drowned out the sound of Cherith's flow. Checking, he found dry spots in the stream bed. After that, each day he found the stream perceptibly lower and in the night, when the winds grew still, Elijah's ears strained to hear the whisper of the drying brook. Not long after that, the brook was dry. Where the water had rippled across polished sand a hot wind picked at the bleached grains.

I wonder what Elijah thought. I wonder if he saw the inconsistency here. I wonder if the paradox struck him as it strikes me. I wonder if Elijah asked the questions I would ask. James said that Elijah was just like us, so we can imagine that Elijah might have had, as he sat and watched the brook go dry, the following thoughts:

"There is a paradox here. God sent me to Cherith and I came. God told me that I could drink from the brook, and I have done it. God said that he would command the ravens to feed me, and they have fed me. The ravens are still coming but the brook is dry . . . because it has not rained. I wonder . . . if God can instruct the ravens why he can't keep the stream running? Shouldn't this work out like this: 'The raven fed

me morning and evening and, even though there was no rain in the land, Cherith never dried up?' This is the inconsistency. The paradox is that God can instruct ravens to cater meals but cannot keep a stream flowing if it doesn't rain. There is something strange about this mixture of the natural and the supernatural. How could a man witness in part of his life so much that is miraculous and be such a prisoner of the natural in the other part of his life?"

Even if Elijah did not ask these questions, I have. I think most Christians have, at one time or another in their spiritual journey. We often find ourselves in a position similar to Elijah's. On the one hand, we see the hand of God; on the other, we seem to be nothing more than the pawns of events completely out of our control. In times of depression, our missions suffer greatly because there is no money in the land. When there are storms, His church is victim, because the weather is unfavorable in the land. In hospitals waiting rooms we sit, filled with a sense of God's grace on the one hand but helplessly watching a friend die, on the other hand, because his kind of cancer is so deadly in the land.

What can we say in the face of these inconsistencies, these paradoxes? What should we do? Should we deny the paradox, ignore the inconsistency? Should we attempt to become God's

apologists, performing weird contortions, the way a hen bird performs when her brood is in danger, to lead people away from the obvious?

I do not think so. I think that the best course to follow is simple: read the next sentence (II Kings 17:8). "And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, 'Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.'"

Our trouble is that we are trying to figure out why the brook is running dry and what we will do when the water no longer flows long before God has completed our story. Wait. Let God finish His work. The paradox seems real; the inconsistency seems great; but, when the brook is finally dry, God has another provision; and, suddenly, the paradox and the inconsistency are no longer important. Why worry about the dry brook, if in the widow's house you will find provisions for need? The only important thing for us to know is that when our need does arise, God has already made the necessary arrangements for our care.

Wait on the Lord, then, and listen for his next instruction.

There is one great thing about a dried up stream: without its babble it is easier to hear the still, small voice of God saying, "I have prepared a place for you in Zarephath!"

of political pressure, he never did. Jimmy learned the truth when he was thirteen years old. From that time his shame led him into a life of drink and drugs. How he overcame his problems, let Jesus into his life and went to work to help kids in prison, completes the story. (MM)

## Book Reviews

**THE CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE** (Large Print) Edited by Edward Reese; Dates by Frank R. Klassen; Regal Publishers Inc., Nashville, Tenn.

This is actually a history book put together by scripture. Passages are placed in their chronological order so that the student might understand events in their sequence. At the back of the book is an index that tells where to find each chapter of the Bible.

In the front is an index in the sequence of the scriptures with dates. The index mentions such divisions as From the Creation to the Flood, From the Flood to the Patriarchs, The Age of the Patriarchs, and so on. The Bible begins with John 1:1. Then it goes to

Psalms 90 before presenting Genesis 1:1.

The divisions of the New Testament are The Life of our Lord, The Ministries of Paul and Peter, and The Writings of John.

The King James Version is used.

There is a wide margin for notes. While this Bible would not be one for quick reference, it could be used for study.

**A NEW LIFE TO LIVE** by William Bradford Huie (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 157 pages, \$5.95) This is the story of Jimmy Putnam, the illegitimate son of "Big Jim" Folsom, former governor of Alabama. "Big Jim" had planned to marry Jimmy's mother, but because

### Two Sides To Issues

Dear Editor:

I read with interest and concern the letter in your Aug. 17 issue concerning a pastor who had been "ousted." I do not know which church or pastor the letter concerned. It does concern me that only one view was presented and, in most cases, there are at least two sides. This situation of a split between pastor and people is, unfortunately, not unusual. Often, I am approached by pastors and laypersons concerning such matters. At times the pastor is accused of trying to dictate all the policies of the church while he considers himself trying to give dynamic leadership. At other times, the pastor accused the people of being unchristian and unwilling to move forward boldly for God while church leaders sincerely feel the pastor is trying to move the church into programs that are not for the good of the people but only for his own ego and reputation.

What is increasingly evident to me is that many of us Baptists seem to be losing the ability to talk through our programs and problems and reach God's will. Instead, we seem to view issues in terms of being for or against the pastor. How tragic it is that business, government, university, and other secular institutions are making great progress in new ways to facilitate communication and understanding among the various individuals and groups within the institutions while the churches continue to fight and split and fire and attack. Christ died for the church. He died for every person in them. He sent his Spirit to provide leadership. He commanded his people to show their love for God by loving one another. Indeed, this was to be one of the true ways the world would know we had been with Jesus.

Splitting and splits that take place in churches do not happen at once. There are many signs for those who have ears to hear and eyes to see. Perhaps the time has come for our denominational leadership to develop materials to help churches recognize potential problems before they become ugly ones that only harm the cause of Christ and hinder the type of witness that reaches lonely hearts for the Savior.

Pastors are people. They sin, get stubborn, make errors, lose their tem-

pers, see things wrong at times. Just like the people they serve in their churches. If we could recognize this, and remember our only leader is Christ, then a forgiving spirit would be born again in our midst. We could lovingly and frankly talk with one another in honest confrontation without breaking the bonds of the Christian family which is the church.

Finally, I respectfully suggest serious consideration before printing other letters which present only one side of a church situation.

Graham Hales, Chaplain  
University of Southern Mississippi

Thank you for another viewpoint. The Letters section, however, is an attempt to provide a forum for anyone who feels he has something to say as long as he doesn't attack another person (except the editor) or attack one of our institutions without sufficient grounds for doing so. Thus we have no knowledge of a second view until the first view has been printed.—Editor

### Thanks From Brazil

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write you from "across the waters" to let you know how much I appreciate receiving "The Baptist Record" here in Brazil. It helps me to keep up with what is taking place back in the States in general and Mississippi in particular.

I wanted to especially express a note of gratitude for the article in the May 18, 1978 "Record," about Brother Ed Causey, the pastor of the Ebenezer Church. (The "Baptist Record" gets here by boat mail.) It was at this church a little over 36 years ago that the Holy Spirit first touched a 11-year-old boy named William Smith.

Brother Causey meant so much to my parents before they went on to be with the Lord. They were both members of the Ebenezer Church at their death. Brother Causey is performing a very vital ministry with one of the oldest Baptist Churches in the State of Mississippi.

Thank you again for sending the "Record" for those of us who are seeking to share the word of Christ "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

William L. Smith  
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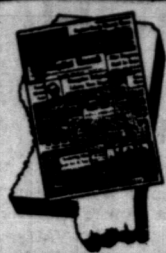
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## Just For The Record



DON GRIMMETT, PASTOR AND DEACONS OF CAREY CHAPEL CHURCH (near Mt. Pleasant) burned the final note for the church parking lot indebtedness of \$3,500, on Aug. 20. "Carey Chapel is growing in many directions and expanding through a Bible-believing, centered, evangelistic, outreach ministry to win the lost at any cost!" states Pastor Grimmitt. Located 15 miles from the nearest town, Carey Chapel has grown in the past four years from an average of 80 in Sunday School to an average of 270 attendance last year. Left to right are Curtis Teel, Howard Gardner, Pastor Grimmitt, and Charles Hanna.



FRIENDSHIP EAST CHURCH at Charleston in Tallahatchie County broke ground recently for an addition to the sanctuary. Building Committee members are: Gene Hall, with shovel; Terry Tribble, chairman; Harvey Etheridge; George Stokes; Bim Savage; Kenneth Rowe; and J. G. Thomas, pastor.

## Revival Dates

**First Church, Vancleave:** September 10-15; Talmadge Amberson, evangelist; Stan Henson, music director; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Felix Greer, pastor.

**Calvary, Newton:** Sept. 10-15; 7:30 p.m.; Wayne Edwards, pastor of Hopewell Church, Newton, evangelist; Mark Jones, music; Henry Adams, pastor.

**Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg:** "Victory in Jesus Crusade"; Sept. 10-15; at 7 p.m.; Bob Kendig, evangelist; Edsel Bone, music director; homecoming services Sept. 17.

**Bethel Church, Brandon:** Sept. 10-15; W. E. Johnson, pastor, evangelist; music under leadership of Don Blackwell, interim music director for Oak Grove Church, Simpson County; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with dinner on the ground; during week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Northwest Hills, Jackson:** Sept. 10-15; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday regular time; James Whittington, evangelist; Chuck Truitt, music director; Robert McDonald, pastor.

West Laurel Church, Laurel, will have homecoming day, Sunday, Sept. 10. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 and morning worship at 11. A church-wide dinner will be held in the Family Life Building. An afternoon service will begin at 1:30. There will not be a night service. Robert Orr, former pastor at West Laurel, will bring the messages and Cecil Harper, former minister of music, will lead the singing. Wayne L. DuBose is pastor.



## Trinity Helps With Indian VBS

Trinity Church, Wayne County, and Bethel and Oakland Grove Churches of Jones County recently conducted a Vacation Bible School for Indian children at Sandersville.

Those from Trinity taking part were J. Mitchell Osborne, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Mary Lee Bayne, Mrs. Ann Rigney, Mrs. Ella Smith, Mrs. Ada West, Mrs. Dianna Cooley, Mrs. Hazel Butler, and Joe Kelly. Two Asteens, Brenda Kelly, and Sylvia Butler, and two GAs, Sharon Fay West and Carmon Pitts, also helped. Mrs. Christine Beard and Mrs. C. M. Boyles helped to provide refreshments.

## Staff Changes

Phil Walker has accepted the call as pastor of Thompson Church (Amite). He goes there from First Church of Summit where he was associate pastor. He and his wife Jody are living in New Orleans where he is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Albert C. Jones has accepted a call to Westwood Church, Cleveland, Tn. as minister of education. He and his family (Peggy, Pandra, Birch) will reside at 2221 Glenwood, Cleveland, Tn. 37311. Jones has ministered through First Church of Laurel for over seven years as associate pastor and minister of education. While at Laurel, Jones initiated a number of ministries including Children's Church, Kindergarten and Weekday Early Education Program, and

Sanctuary Radio Bible Class. He led in organizing the specialized Mission Action Council. The Honduras Baptist Dental Mission was organized in cooperation with Dr. Robert Holifield, Laurel dentist. Jones served two terms as president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association, and six years as associational Vacation Bible School director.

Martha Dees is the new church secretary at Oakland Heights Church, Meridian. A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., she is a graduate of Clarke College and Belmont College, Nashville, TN, and served one summer as student missionary to California. Last year she taught at West End Baptist Christian School in Mobile. James E. Parker is the Oakland Heights pastor.

Thursday, September 7, 1978

## Three Generations Take Part In MK Ordination, Licensing

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Three generations of Southern Baptist missionary involvement in Brazil were represented Aug. 13 in the ordination of an MK (missionary kid) and the licensing of his MK brother-in-law.

The White Station Baptist Church in Memphis ordained David James Spiegel to the ministry and in the same service licensed his brother-in-law, Edward Roberts (Bob) Berry to preach.

David is the son of Donald J. and Betty Spiegel, missionaries to Equatorial Brazil, and is married to the

former Laura Anne Berry, Bob's sister. Laura Anne and Bob's parents are Edward G. and Lois Berry, missionaries to South Brazil.

In the ordination ceremony David's father brought the charge and his father-in-law preached the sermon. The ordination prayer was offered by Bob and Laura Anne's grandfather, William H. Berry, an emeritus missionary who with his wife Olga served 41 years in South Brazil. The William Berrys are now members of the White Station church. The grandfather also

presented the license certificate to Bob.

J. D. Littlefield, church pastor, presided over the ordination council, and Owen Cooper, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, directed David's examination and presented him with a Bible from the church.

David is beginning his third year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he is a master of divinity student. Bob is starting his fourth year at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Charles (Katherine) Hilbun of West Laurel Church, Laurel, has received a 20-year perfect attendance Sunday School pin. Mrs. Hilbun attended every Sunday at West Laurel. The Sunday School Director, Clyde Watson, presented the pin at morning worship service on Aug. 20. Mrs. Hilbun has served her church in many areas over the years and is now working in the Single Young People's Department. She also is church clerk and part-time church secretary. Wayne L. DuBose is pastor.

R. C. "Dickie" Bryan of West Point was ordained to the ministry on July 16 at First Church, West Point.

Bryan is a senior at Mid-South Bible College in Memphis. Bryan formerly was serving as president of R. C. Bryan

Equipment Company, Triple B Express, Inc., and Noxubee Milling Company as well as being connected with the family-owned business, Bryan Packing Company. After answering the call to enter full-time Christian service he entered Mid-South Bible College. In addition to serving as a part-time staff member at Mid-South, he is pastor of the Hebron Church in Clay County. He is married to the former Donna L. Brewer of Pheba and is the father of four children.

Dwight Massengill completed his summer assignment on Aug. 10 as Home Mission Board student

missionary in Seneca, Ohio. A Blue Mountain graduate, he has now enrolled at Southwestern Seminary. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond

Massengill of Rienzi. He served at Ohio Baptists' state camp, Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly. His main responsibilities were threefold: he was chapel pastor for the staff and the nearby campers in two state parks; he helped supervise the work of the other staffers; he conducted staff devotions each night. In addition, he did other work as needed, such as trimming limbs, mowing grass, and clearing new areas. Also he did supply preaching in many churches of the area.

Rudolph M. Wood, missionary to Belgium since 1967, will serve as Golden Gate Seminary's visiting professor of missions this fall, replacing Richard Plampin, who returned to service in Brazil. Formerly stationed in Luxembourg, Wood will teach three courses and assist in conducting a doctor of ministry seminar in January 1979.

Floyd V. Turner, president of Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va., has announced his retirement from the Baptist college, effective June 30, 1979.

## THE VILLAGE VIEW



FROM  
**Baptist Children's Village**

P. O. Box 11308

Jackson, MS 39213

Dear Baptist Friend:



We are pleased and gratified by the favorable acceptance of our efforts to communicate The Children's Village's news to you in recent months through the medium of "The Village View." Numbers of you have written or called about this little publication in response to our invitation. We again urge you to let us hear from you with an expression of opinion about this additional effort to share facts about Baptist child care which might not otherwise come to your attention.

I think you are entitled to have a report on the 1978 Mother Day Offering, now closed. While this important gift from local churches was the largest in our history, and while it was 9% greater than the 1977 offering, it was only 4% larger than the 1976 offering. Any comparison with increases in basic costs of living through inflation will afford a convincing idea of the enormity of our financial challenge as we strive to maintain a quality child care ministry distinctively Christian, as our basic expenses continue to out-distance our financial support. We thank the churches for standing with us generously. We implore your continued and prayerful support.

Respectfully,

*Paul N. Nunnery*

PAUL N. NUNNERY  
Executive Director

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## A Happy Summer

With the beginning of the 1978-79 school sessions, The Village has concluded one of its happiest summers, with no serious injuries or illnesses to report and very few unhappy incidents of any type. All Village young people, at each of our locations, have enjoyed 15-day visits into private homes — some with their natural families, many with Village friends. Through the interest and generosity of individuals and groups, many of our boys and girls have been afforded delightful camping opportunities.

Choral music, including a successful tour of "The Teen Choir"; our usual busy schedule of play, structured and conducted by Coach John Self, our Di-

rector of Activities both for fun and therapy has assisted in keeping minds busy and hearts happy.

The Christian Education Department has provided moral and spiritual emphases in varied forms for the children at every location, to the enrichment of souls throughout the summer months. The inevitable maintenance needs of our several plans, growing and harvesting vegetables, and a live-stock project on our Farrow Manor Campus have combined to provide work assignments for young people, insuring a healthy balance through work, play, inspiration and worship.

The Children's Village announces the re-appointment of Annette (Mrs. James) Hitt to the leadership of its moral and spiritual ministry, as Director of The Village's Christian Education Department. For more than two years, Mrs. Hitt has served as Director of the Department of Character and Career Development, the name by which this ministry has heretofore been designated, and in that capacity, she has attracted state-wide and even national attention from child care professionals and their organizations and from Christian groups generally. The name of the Department has been changed in order to more faithfully designate the nature of Mrs. Hitt's compassionate services, which The Village administration believes to represent the heart of the message and mission of every local Baptist church in Mississippi.



As Director of Christian Education, Mrs. Hitt will continue her role as The Village staff member who is primarily responsible for the moral and spiritual training of Village children and the important assignment of redirecting their lives in these central areas. Her energetic and innovative ideas and efforts have been characterized as an interpretation of "the worthwhileness of human nature" to boys and girls whom we would have to become children of God, fully and completely.

Mrs. Hitt's work, conducted at all three Village locations, include such features as: Retreats and "lock-ins" with moral and spiritual emphasis; seminars and discussion groups for children of all ages involving Bible study and discussion of a wide range of Christian behavior in-

cluding drug abuse, Christian sex education, social and vocational pursuits and Christian life-styles, in general. One of the more popular features with children on the Jackson Campus during the summer of 1978 has been Christian Growth Classes in which a large number of teen-agers have voluntarily enrolled, under Mrs. Hitt's leadership. She is also responsible for arranging and conducting programs at prayer meetings and other on-campus worship services.

Concurrently with the announcement changing the name of Mrs. Hitt's Department, The Village has added an important, major responsibility to her ministry. As Director of Christian Education, Mrs. Hitt is commencing a vigorous program of personal contact with local, Baptist churches, their auxiliaries, and their leadership, both in the pulpit and the pew. The Village believes it has a responsibility to communicate to local churches, in a more personal fashion, the story of what the Convention's official child care agency is doing with and for neglected and dependent children in this vital area. Mrs. Hitt has come to be known as an attractive and inspirational speaker in local churches, Associations and at various conferences. The Village envisions her in this new capacity as a literal messenger from the children to the churches and from the churches back to the children. Interested church groups are cordially invited to arrange an appearance by Mrs. Hitt at an appropriate service or meeting of one of the auxiliaries. The Village administration urges Mississippi Baptist churches and their leadership to afford Mrs. Hitt the privilege of visiting in church communities to "tell the story of Jesus" as she tells it to Village children every day and to share the reactions of those children.

## Admission Procedures

Frequently friends of The Village, especially pastors, inquire about procedures for admitting children to Village care or obtaining other child care services.

Interested individuals or groups need only contact our Jackson offices by telephone at 922-2242 or by writing to us at P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213, attention: Mrs. Claire Nowlin, Director of Social Service. Mrs. Nowlin, or one of the social caseworkers working with her will always promptly dispatch applications for admission and full information explaining the simple procedures by mail.

Legal custody of any child admitted to our custodial care is required, either by the written, voluntary assignment, executed by the individual having

legal custody of the child, or by court order, dependent upon the circumstances. In order to be adequately informed about the needs, problems and aptitudes of the child, a personal interview, preferably involving both the child and the natural parents, and including some simple testing must precede any decision to accept custody.

Each application for admission must be endorsed by a local Baptist church over the signature of its pastor, but such endorsement does not commit the church to any program of support. Detailed information concerning our child care services is available to any inquirer through a contact with our Jackson offices which handle admission to all Village facilities, at every location.

## Reminders

Have you mailed your "Back to School" gift? We need your help so much in paying for school fees, workbooks, supplies and materials. Thank you for caring and sharing!

Sincere thanks to more than 150 different Mississippi families who opened their private homes to Village youngsters for holiday visits during July and August.

Our summer reading program, under the leadership of Mrs. Lynn Nelson has been concluded. Designed as an intensive effort to improve the reading skills of selected older boys and girls, this special home support of public education should help these young people achieve school goals this year.

## Back To School

With the help of friends of our children, supporting us through the "Back to School" campaign, we have again enrolled our large group of young people in Mississippi schools and colleges.

We commenced the fall term with 13 Village wards pursuing training on the college level at Mississippi Southern University, Mississippi State University, Hinds Junior College, Northwest Junior College and Northeast Junior College. Public school students from our Jackson campus attend the city schools of Clinton, young people from the Farrow Manor Campus attend Tate County schools, and our children from the satellite home attend New Albany city schools.

Many newly admitted boys and girls who have joined our "family" during the summer months are numbered among these new enrollees. Their adjustment to a new life, new homes and new schools is especially difficult. The Village staff extends hearty thanks to the hundreds of Mississippians who are remembering these boys and girls in their prayers and who are helping us better fit them for living through "Back to School" gifts.

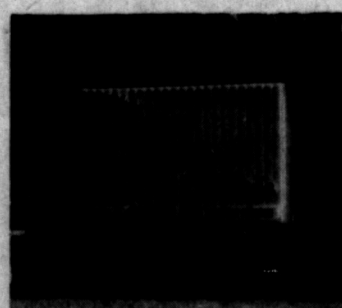
## Presenting Our Staff



Mrs. Alice Hollingsworth  
Houseparent with Girls  
Mize Cottage — Jackson Campus  
14 years of Village service



Mrs. Charlene Hardy  
Houseparent with Boys  
Friendship Cottage — Jackson Campus  
1 year of Village service



Main entrance, Jackson campus

## Uniform Lesson

# Motivation For The Disciplined Life

By Jackie C. Hamilton,  
Highland, Meridian  
Romans 12:1-5, 9-13  
Philippians 4:8

Discipline is an accepted and necessary part of life. Some have the idea, however, that when it comes to their religious experience discipline is not required. Therefore, it has become popularly accepted that spiritual discipline is for the professional Christians. It is thought that the ordinary church-goer need only attend services and contribute to the budget. This false concept is contrary to the New Testament. Christianity is never pictured in the Bible as a matter of routine attendance and giving at religious services.

Emerson was right when he said, "Whoso would be a man must be a non-conformist." The greatest danger that confronts a Christian is to be conformed to this world.

Paul says, "Don't be conformed to this world about you." The word he uses for "conform" is a word that means externally conformed, like you would pour liquid into a container and the liquid would assume the form of the container.

When he uses the word "transformed" he uses a word that means being changed, not outwardly but from within. In fact, it is the same word used in the New Testament to talk about the transfiguration of Jesus. Paul is saying that the Christian is a new person; he is a different person; he has a new aim; he has a new sense of values; he has a new goal in life and the Christian is one, who because he has been changed within by the power of God, must be in some areas a nonconformist.

For too many of us the critic of Protestant Christianity in America today is exactly right when he says, "The congregation is very sleek and very comfortable and the service is very placid, but there is no moving of the great waters. The church is suffering today from half-heartedness more than it is suffering from anything else in the world." Emory Hunt, the former President of Bucknell University, was probably right when he said, "The trouble with the church is that you and I are in it." In the early New Testament church Christians found their joy, not in safety, but in following Jesus Christ.

If Christianity is a new life and if

Christianity finds its ultimate worship in obedient living, Christians cannot be conformed to this age. In this chapter of Romans Paul tells us what nonconformist Christians are.

The nonconformist loathes evil and clings to good. He loves the brethren and seeks to outdo them in showing honor. He never flags in Christian zeal. He is aglow in the spirit. He serves the Lord. He is joyful in hope. He stands firm in trouble. He contributes to the needs of God's people and practices hospitality. He blesses those who persecute him.

He blesses and does not curse. He rejoices with those who rejoice and weeps with those who weep. He lives in harmony with his brethren. He is not haughty but associates himself with humble people. He is never conceited. He does not pay back evil for evil. He is guided by what all men count honorable. He tries to live at peace with all men. He never avenges himself but loves even an enemy. He, the nonconforming Christian, is never conquered by evil. He overcomes evil with good.

In Romans 12:3 we have one of the greatest exhortations on humility to be found in the whole range of Biblical truth. There are three levels from which we may view ourselves: the super level, the sub-level, or the sane level. On the super level are superiority complex people, and on the sub-level are inferiority complex people. We generally think too much of ourselves or too little of ourselves.

We learn that the lower self and the former self should be done away with but the higher self should be subjugated to the Lord Jesus Christ. The human personality is never obliterated in the redeeming work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The idea is that the mind of Christ may be our mind; that Christ looks through our eyes, speaks through our lips, works through our hands, walks through our feet, loves through our heart.

In Romans 12:3 we learn that by union with Christ through the indwelling Holy Spirit we have been made one, that this oneness is to be treasured.

This calls for loyal interrelationships. In Paul's Corinthian letter he knew of the rivalry and division in the church. Paul strikes a death blow at this disloyalty when he talks about the gifts of the Spirit, and shows that those

gifts are varied. We need everybody's gifts in the church because they are all part of one body. There can be no such thing as isolationism in the local church.

The other thing is loyal interdependence. Loyal interrelationships expose the sin of envy, but loyal interdependence condemns the sin of pride. In this analogy Paul shows the importance of treating each other with respect. As one has put it, "All Christians rank the same with God."

No one knows personal love unless his love is expressed in such a way that he gives every individual a sense of priority, identity, and security. Of all

the gifts that God has ever given the greatest of all is love. When I love a person personally, I give him priority. When I go to a person and say, "Mrs. Jones, I love you," I am giving identity; and in an hour when people seem to have lost their identity it is time that we learned personal love. When I tell a person, "I love you," I give him a sense of security.

Paul talks about "distributing to the necessity of saints..." Christianity is essentially a practical religion; so we are not surprised to find that Paul spells out hospitality as the final expression of divine love.

## Life and Work Lesson

# Portrait Of A Christian

By Bill Duncan, First, Long Beach  
Philippians 2:12-30

It used to be said that the difference between linoleum and cork-linoleum was that in the one the pattern was on top and eventually wore off, but in the other the pattern went right through.

This was the style of these two men, Epaphroditus and Timothy. Christians all through, inward and outward. They were utterly consistent, good, through and through.

Epaphroditus had come to Paul in the spring with a present from the church at Philippi. Because Epaphroditus had gotten sick and almost died, he was unable to send a thank you letter. Now that he was well, Paul was sending him back. Paul wanted to return for a visit but before he could go, he would send his highly esteemed friend, Timothy, to take them the news.

This passage of scripture contains Paul's recommendations for them. He really explained that they were prepared to minister for Christ. Do you suppose that Paul was a little biased concerning Timothy and Epaphroditus? They were great servants of God and Paul had known them from way back when they made their commitment to Christ.

Speaking of Timothy, Paul says, "Ye know the proof of him." The word "proof" means "caliber." You know what he is made of because he has shown it over and over again. **Unreserved Commitment**

Here before us are two men ready any moment to go anywhere on Paul's errands in the service of the Master. We need the mark of the quality of the life in God's servants to go wherever they are sent in spite of the danger.

F. B. Meyer was still preaching at 82 when he said, "I have only one ambition: to be God's errand-boy."

No man could earn the title "fellow" from Paul or be regarded as a "soldier" by him without real discipline in life. It is a strange thing that the community of Christians in today's world who are conscious of the early disciples and regard themselves as the modern-day version appear to see little need for the old-time commitment. There must be a connection between the words "disciple" and "discipline."

**Unselfish Attitude**  
We have already noted that Paul was unable to get anyone to go from Rome to Philippi, but Timothy had agreed to go. Paul simply said, "All seek their own." Most people are careful to look out for number one.

## Lauderdale Men Build Church In California

Twelve men from Lauderdale Association churches have committed themselves to work for a week in Alta, CA constructing a church building for the First Baptist of Sierra. Those planning to go are: R. C. Smith, Highland; Dennis Aucion, Landry Adkins, Oakland Heights; Joe Buntyn, Calvin Mills, Leslie Moore, Kenneth Livingston, T. S. Pigford and J. M. Snowden, FBC Collinsville; Joe Strahan, Mt. Olive; Jimmie Garrard, Bethany; and E. C. Wells, FBC, Marion.

These men will leave on Sept. 23 and will return on Sept. 30. They will fly to Sacramento and be transported to Alta, 50 miles away.

They will be living during the week at Camp Alta, a camp which is owned and operated by the Sacramento Southern Baptist Association and

Sierra-Foothills Baptist Association. The First Baptist Church of Sierra serves three communities. Attendance in the church is about 45. The new building to be constructed will be of rough lumber and will be 75' x 32' in size. Revival services will be conducted during the week at the Alta Camp, which is located one half mile from the church site where the construction will be taking place.

Preachers don't talk in their sleep; they talk in other peoples' sleep.

Child psychology is what children manage parents with.

The easiest way to remain poor is to pretend to be rich.



on the rebuilding, but did you notice that the nobles "put not their necks to the work?" Their kind are with us today. Not an ounce of enthusiasm do they have for serving the Lord.

The enthusiasm of Epaphroditus was described as "not regarding his life." The term "not regarding" is a picturesque word which signifies hazarding or gambling. He had the deadly disease owing to his self-forgetful zeal for Paul's service.

Yes, here are two great Christians—ready for anything. How much does God see us ready for? How fine a slogan it would be for all of us Christians, who are enlisted as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, to have four vows—Anywhere! Anyone! Anything! Any cost!

## Missionary News

Virgil and Amy Cooper, missionaries to Korea, may be addressed at Yoido P. O. Box 45, Seoul 150, Korea. Born in Water Valley, Miss., he also lived in Aliceville, Ala., and Vicksburg, Miss.

## Missionary Aids Refugees Preparing To Leave Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand — Teaching Asian refugee parents how to diaper their baby, outfitting whole families with clothes appropriate for the climate they will be living in — both are part of a normal week for Missionary Polly (Mrs. J. Glenn) Morris, Mississippian.

Several hours each week she helps at two refugee transit centers in Bangkok where Asian refugees who have been

approved for resettlement in other countries wait for their departure dates. Their stay is usually seven to 10 days.

Most families brought few possessions with them when they left their homes and often one or more members in a family will need additional clothing. Or sometimes the family is being resettled in a country which has a colder climate than the one they left.

They need warmer clothes.

Often there are small babies in the group — babies who aren't used to wearing diapers. Mrs. Morris teaches the fine art of diapering to family members going to countries where babies' bottoms usually remain covered.

She also teaches Christian songs and Bible lessons to those interested. When her Mandarin Chinese fails to communicate, she can usually find a refugee at the center to translate into Vietnamese or another language the people can understand.

Conditions are crowded and there are no partitions to offer privacy but the refugees don't complain. They are grateful to be there. Some relate how they barely escaped being killed by communist forces. Others tell of surviving harrowing journeys by sea.

Official Thai figures show 109,000 refugees registered and more coming in steadily, according to Maxine (Mrs. Robert R.) Stewart, missionary press representative. However, the resettlement rate is not keeping up with the influx of new refugees. Those at the transit centers are among the fortunate few.

Mrs. Morris is a native of Hattiesburg and a graduate of William Carey College.

Live prayerfully; the life you save may be your own.

The future holds something in store for the individual who keeps faith in it.

In diving to the bottom of pleasures, we bring up more rocks of sorrows than pearls of joy.

## Beacon Street Will Celebrate 30th Year

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, will have special services to celebrate its 30th anniversary on September 17.

At the morning worship hour, charter members, former pastors, and former members who have entered the ministry will be recognized. A history of the church will be given. Henry E. Hight, pastor, will deliver the message.

Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall.

## Presley's Brother To Speak At D'Iberville

Rick Stanley, Elvis Presley's stepbrother, will speak at First Church of D'Iberville on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Stanley says that Presley's death last year shattered his world and played a major role in his decision to commit the rest of his life to serving Jesus Christ. He is now a member of Moody Adams' Evangelistic Team.

James Johnson is the D'Iberville pastor.

Blessedness is promised to the peace maker, not the conqueror.

If you can't state your problem in ten words or less, you don't understand it yourself.

Don't postpone reading the handwriting on the wall until you have your back to it.

## Mini-Tornado

That row of pines came to life through the window. The foliage tops buoyantly, pleasantly swept low. Remote, unchallenged, I sat enthralled as waves of rain pounded and crawled sideways on lower trees, and the forest went dancing. Fascination, illusion, prayer, angels, God, entrancing beauty exalted my spirit for whatever was to be. Then at the side door — out there! Emergency! The power line tore away from the house in mad flare, in streaks of wet fire, and some time later radio's blare told Mama and me a tornado had found our Friendship Community and some houses were down. My family arrived in a truck, young, anxious, detouring around police blockades. But we were fine, enduring. Some mighty trees had broken, lost to me that day but not the ones I saw at play. — Violet Tackett



Missionary Polly (Mrs. J. Glenn) Morris teaches some of the finer points of baby care to an Asian refugee family preparing to relocate in the United States. Each week she works in two refugee transit centers in Bangkok, Thailand, where refugees who have been approved for resettlement in other countries wait a week or more for their departure dates. (FMB) photo by Maxine Stewart.

## Council Of Churches Aids Guerilla Groups

GENEVA (RNS) — A grant of \$85,000 for the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) has been made by the World Council of Churches' Special Fund to Combat Racism.

It has been given for food, health, social, educational and agricultural programs operated by the two wings of the Patriotic Front — the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU)

headed by Robert Mugabe, and the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) headed by Joshua Nkomo.

In approving the allocation, the WCC expressed its belief that the "internal settlement" in Rhodesia "leaves the illegal white-minority regime still in effective control and gives it a veto over real change for the next decade."

## Devotional THERE

By Robert Shirley, Pastor, Parkway, Tupelo

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him..." (Luke 23:33).

With the simple statement, the Bible pinpoints our Saviour at a time and place in history. The place was but a lonely hill overlooking the city of Jerusalem. However, what happened THERE made it one of the most important places in history.



Shirley

THERE was the collection point for all of the sins of the world. Visible there were all kinds of evil including hatred, prejudice, murder, lying, denial, betrayal, and indifference. The brutality of His death indicated the extent to which cruel men will go. But our sins were there as well, borne by our Lord as He paid the price for the sins of all mankind. Truly, the Bible says, "By His stripes we were healed."

THERE on that hill was the distribution point for the Grace of God. How very different were the attitudes of those at Calvary. There were to be found convicted malactors, worshipful women, jeering crowds, indifferent soldiers, fearful disciples, and secret followers.

Unto every one of these, there was offered a full measure of His grace. For which ones was He dying? For ALL of them. His glory was seen at the transfiguration, the greatness of His message on the mountainside, His conviction in the wilderness, His humanity and dedication in the garden, His power everywhere. Here is seen his love and His grace.

A Christ who did nothing about sin would have been worse than no Christ at all, for such would have left man completely helpless, totally without hope.

There at Calvary, He did something; He did everything, including the offer of an invitation. One is not asked to make a pilgrimage to that ancient hill but rather to accept the One who paid the price there that we might live forever together with Him.

He gave life by surrendering His, and we gain life by surrendering ours.

## The Missions Task

# Prove Your Sincerity!

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

There is very much shame and pretense, much hypocrisy and shallowness, in the world of religion today. This is not a new phenomenon, however. Paul the apostle was forced to deal with those who were "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (II Cor. 11:13-14).

These false apostles know all the proper words and phrases; they know the ins and outs. How could one tell a false prophet from a true prophet? How could one tell the difference between true Christian love and concern, and false? One cannot judge after outward appearance. You cannot judge by one's boasting. You cannot judge by someone's commending of himself.

Paul called upon the Christians at Corinth "to prove the sincerity of their love" (II Cor. 8:8).

The Corinthian church was cause for great concern on the part of the apostle. The Corinthians were carnal, babes in Christ, not able to eat meat, having envying, strife, and division, acting like men, divided over ministers, fornicators in the membership, puffed up, brother going to law against brother while boasting of great spiritual gifts. Some were tonguespeakers.

Paul exhorted his beloved brethren to "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. Now concerning the collection —" (I Cor. 15:58-16:1).

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace (of giving) also — to PROVE THE SINCERITY OF YOUR LOVE" (I Cor. 8:7).

With all that was right and wrong in the Corinthian church, the acid test advocated by Paul for proving sincerity of love was the act of giving. Talk is cheap but it costs to give. Playing a role, acting, is cheap but it costs to give.

"For God so LOVED the world that HE GAVE his only begotten son —" (John 3:16). God is a cheerful giver and God loves a cheerful giver!